

REMARKS

The indication that claim 23 has been allowed and that claims 2-7, 9-17, and 19-22 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2, claim 8 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 9, and claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 19. Further, each of claims 11, 12, 14, 20, 21, and 22 has been amended into independent form by adding the subject matter of the respective independent claim from which the claim depended. Claims 2, 9, and 19 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 18 have been amended in response to the objection in the Official Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8, and 18 were rejected as unpatentable over ROY 6,600,725 in view of MICHELSON et al. 6,665,730. These claims have been amended to include subject matter indicated to be allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

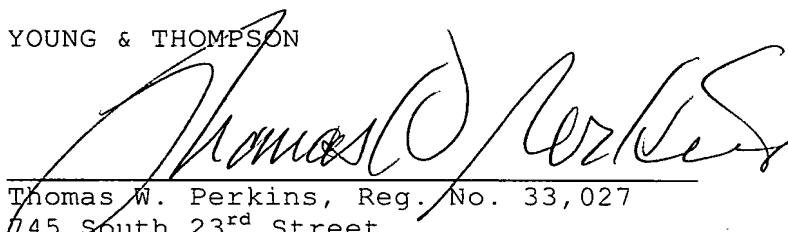
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$1,000 for the five extra independent claims added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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